# ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION



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A Summary of the Resolutions adopted at the 66th A.U.M.A. Annual Convention, held in Lethbridge October 24, 25, 26 & 27th, 1972. The complete list of Resolutions are Attached to this Summary.

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AREA COMMUNITY NEEDS

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Resolution No. 51 — That the Chief Administrative Officer of a Town or Village be designated as Municipal Administrator.

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Resolution No. 52 — The implementation of a vigorous anti litter campaign and to establish a Corps of Environmental Workers.

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Resolution No. 53 — To introduce a provincial dental care program for children.

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Resolution No. 55 — To grant municipal councils administrative control of semi autonomous boards and commissions.

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Resolution No. 56 — That Health Unit Requisitions be computed on an equalized assessment basis.

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Resolution No. 57 — That hospital costs be shared equally and fairly by all municipalities financed by the senior governments and no right of requisition on a municipality unless council agrees.

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MINIMUM WAGE

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MUNICIPAL SECRETARIES

Resolution No. 60 — Requesting the Province in consultation with Associations implement a program of standard accreditation for municipal secretaries.

NATURAL GAS

Resolution No. 61 — No further natural gas be placed under contract for sole outside province until satisfactory evidence of sufficient reserves are available for Alberta users.

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POLICE COSTS

Resolution No. 63 — To provide permanent annual subsidies on a sliding scale to municipalities contracting RCMP services.

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TAX FREE GAS FOR MUNICIPAL VEHICLES

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Resolution No. 76 To provide that unclaimed Unemployment Insurance Benefits be added to Canada Pension Plan benefits.

UTILITY RATE HEARINGS

Resolution No. 77 To assist in the municipal submissions to the Public Utilities Board, the province provide grants or increase the staff of the Board to advise municipalities.

YOUTH HOSTELS

Resolution No. 78 That a provincial capital assistance program be implemented for the construction of quality youth hostels.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1 C.R. #75

City of Calgary
RE: Amendment to The Alberta Evidence Act to Allow Microfilming and Subsequent Destruction of Municipal Records

WHEREAS it is expedient that a municipality should be able to present as evidence in a court a photographic reproduction of a document instead of the original document in the same way and with the same effect as may the Government of Canada or of any province or a department or branch of such government,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Alberta Evidence Act as to section 40 thereof by

(a) adding after subclause (i) of clause (a) of subsection (1) of the said section the following new subclause:

"(i.1) a municipality of the Province of Alberta as defined in The Municipal Government Act

and (b) deleting subsection (4) of the said section and substituting therefor the following subsection:

"(4) Where the photographic print is tendered by a government, a municipality or the Bank of Canada subsection (3) does not apply."

N.B. Subsection (3) requires the original to be maintained for six years.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 2 C.R. #91

Town of St. Albert
RE: Billiard Rooms Act

WHEREAS the Billiard Rooms Act provides that no person under the age of 16 years shall, unless accompanied by his parent or guardian, be allowed to play any billiard game in a billiard room to which this Act applies; and

WHEREAS the restriction of persons under the age of 16 does not apply to premises used for bowling; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2 (cont'd) C.R. #91

WHEREAS bowling alleys and billiard tables are often provided within the same premises and under the same management,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to delete Section 12 of the Billiard Rooms Act and apply the same regulations governing bowling alleys to billiard rooms.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 3 C.R. #66

Town of St. Albert
RE: Condominium Property Act

WHEREAS Section 19 (1) of the Condominium Property Act, R.S.A. 1970 as amended, provides that a Condominium Corporation is responsible for the enforcement of its by-laws and the control, management and administration of the common property; and

WHEREAS the enforcement of these by-laws may necessitate the employment of officers by the corporation; and

WHEREAS municipalities may already have officers competent in the enforcement of such by-laws,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the said Act to provide that a municipality may, at the request of the Condominium Corporation, enforce such by-laws in a condominium.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 4 C.R. #85

City of Calgary
RE: Sale of Wares on Sidewalks - Highway Traffic Act

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend The Highway Traffic Act so as to exclude municipal sidewalks from the prohibition placed on the sale of goods upon a highway,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendment to the Highway Traffic Act be requested as to section 158 thereof by adding after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

(3) Subsection (2) shall not apply to sales allowed by a municipality upon a sidewalk within the boundaries of a municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 5 C.R. #87

City of Calgary
RE: Removal of Vehicles from Highways - Highway Traffic Act

WHEREAS it is expedient for clarity to separate certain provisions relating to different circumstances under which a vehicle may be removed by a peace officer without the consent of the owner thereof,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendments to the Highway Traffic Act be requested:

(c) as to section 188 thereof by

(i) deleting clause (e) and by substituting therefor the following clauses:

(e) is parked on private property without the consent of the owner of the property where such unauthorized parking is prohibited by a by-law passed by a municipality pursuant to clause 6 or subsection (1) of section 223, or

(f) is parked on a highway so as to obstruct any private driveway, or

and

(ii) relettering the present clause (f) as clause (g).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 6 C.R. #84

City of Calgary
RE: Amendment to The Highway Traffic Act to Allow Owners of Private Land to Take Direct Action for Removal of Motor Vehicles Parked Without Permission on Such Land

WHEREAS The Highway Traffic Act provides in section 157 that no person shall abandon a vehicle upon public or private property without the express or implied consent of the owner or person in possession or control of the property and further in the same section provides that when a vehicle is left standing at such a location for more than seventy-two consecutive hours it shall be deemed to have been abandoned there for the purposes of section 189; and

WHEREAS section 189 of The Highway Traffic Act makes provision for the removal by a peace officer or a person specially appointed for the purpose of an abandoned vehicle and for storage and recovery of costs but such action must be taken by the peace officer or the person so designated in order to be able to apply the provisions of this section respecting abandoned vehicles; and

WHEREAS clause 6 of subsection (1) of section 223 of The Highway Traffic Act provides further that a municipality may pass by-laws prohibiting the owner of a vehicle leaving the vehicle on private property without the appropriate authority and providing for the impounding and removal of the vehicle but by reason of sections 157 and 159 such removal must be done by or at the direction of a peace officer; and

RESOLUTION NO. 6 (cont'd) C.R. #84

WHEREAS it is expedient to request that amendments be made to The Highway Traffic Act aforesaid so as to include therein an authority similar to that used in other jurisdictions whereby the removal and storage and charges against the vehicle may lawfully be carried out by the owner or occupier of the property on which the vehicle is abandoned,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Highway Traffic Act by adding after section 189 the following new section:

"189.1 (1) Where a motor vehicle is left on private property contrary to the provisions of subsection (2) of section 157 without the consent of the owner or occupier of the property the owner of the motor vehicle shall be deemed to authorize and empower the owner or occupier of the land on which it is left to be the agent of the owner of the vehicle for the purposes of towing the vehicle to a place of storage and of storing the said vehicle.

(2) The person who pursuant to subsection (1) has caused the vehicle to be removed and stored has a lien against the vehicle for all reasonable advances made or charges incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle in the course of the agency created by subsection (1).

(3) A motor vehicle removed and stored pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have been deposited with the owner of the place of storage with the authority of the owner of the vehicle for all purposes of The Warehousemen's Liens Act.

(4) The procedure respecting the enforcement of the lien for the removing of the storage charges shall be governed by the applicable provisions of The Warehousemen's Liens Act."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 7 C.R. #86

City of Calgary
RE: Closing of Highways - Highway Traffic Act

WHEREAS it is expedient to the provisions of clause 19 of subsection (1) of section 223 to amplify the authority of a municipality when passing by-laws with respect to closing or restricting the use of a highway to make it clear that such restriction or closure (as in the case of a street alteration) may be permanent,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 223 of the Highway Traffic Act be amended by adding after the words "closing or restricting" where the same appear in clause 19 of subsection (1) of the said section the words "either temporarily or permanently."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 8 C.R. #65

Town of St. Albert
RE: Local Authorities Board Act

WHEREAS Section 27 of the Local Authorities Board Act outlines the jurisdictions and powers of the Board; and

WHEREAS the burden on the Local Authorities Board is concentrated at certain times of the year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to see that the Local Authorities Board has adequate staff to carry out its responsibilities.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 9 C.R. #30

City of Red Deer
RE: Election Act - University Students Vote

WHEREAS young people can now vote at age 18, and are eager to use this new privilege; and

WHEREAS many of these 18 year olds are attending College or University away from home but nevertheless, travelled to their home town in order to cast their ballot, only to be told that they were ineligible because they did not have 12 months residence prior to polling day,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Provincial Government to study this matter, and if possible, to amend the Election Act or interpret the Act so as to allow University and College students to vote.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 10 C.R. #11

Village of Champion
RE: Payment to a Municipal Elected Official for
Emergency Services - Municipal Government Act

WHEREAS in some smaller municipalities it is necessary to call upon the services of an elected official, or officials to assist in emergent situations such as a water line break, etc.; and

WHEREAS Section 29.1.M of the Municipal Government Act prevents an elected official from receiving remuneration for emergency services rendered,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new subsection to Section 29.2 be added

RESOLUTION NO. 10 (cont'd) C.R. #11

to the effect that the provisions of Section 29.1.M do not apply in the case of an emergency situation where an elected official is required to either perform the work required, or assist.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 11 C.R. #2

Town of Claresholm
RE: Disqualification of Council Members

BE IT RESOLVED that the A.U.M.A. make representation to the Government of Alberta to have the Municipal Government Act amended as follows: Section 31 to read: Where a member of Council is not qualified under Section 29 or 30 to be a member of the Council.

(a) The member shall forthwith resign his seat on the Council,
(b) If he does not so resign the Council may by resolution apply to a judge for an order declaring his seat vacant.
Thus deleting the words in 31(b) "declare him to be disqualified."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 12 C.R. #1

Town of Stony Plain
RE: Option in Land Outside Municipalities Jurisdiction

WHEREAS at the 1971 A.U.M.A. Convention the following resolution was passed -

"The Council of the Town of Stony Plain strongly recommends that Section 127 of the Municipal Government Act be changed to allow for a Municipality to acquire an interest in any land outside the limits of a Municipality without the approval of the Municipality in whose boundaries the land is situated", and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government reply to this resolution reads -

"If the intent of the resolution is to authorize a Municipality to acquire only an option as an interest in land outside its boundaries without the consent of the other Municipality, then the Department is prepared to recommend the amendment requested to the Legislative Assembly for its consideration".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to change Section 127 of the Municipal Government Act to authorize a Municipality to acquire an option as an interest in land outside its boundaries without the consent of the other municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 13 C.R. #6

City of Edmonton
RE: Minimum Health Standards in all Urban Residential Accommodation

WHEREAS municipal councils are anxious to ensure that all premises within the municipal limits comply with minimum health standards as prescribed by the Local Board of Health of the area; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act at Section 195 allows a municipality to require premises to be put in "proper sanitary condition" but does not define what is a "proper sanitary condition" and would be clearer and more enforceable if the section is amended to have it rely upon minimum health standards set by Provincial Board of Health Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 195 of the Municipal Government Act be amended to clearly set out the following principles:

1. That the rights granted a municipality and its Medical Health Officer and its Local Board of Health under the section are retroactive powers that require a building to comply to minimum health standards set by the Provincial Board of Health Regulations respecting housing even if the building was built and originally put into residential use long before the coming into force of such regulations.

2. That the reference to improper sanitary conditions be struck out and that in its place there be included the phrase "to be brought up to minimum health standards as required in writing by the Local Board of Health or Medical Health Officer."

3. Strike out in Section 195 (3) the phrase "to put the premises in a sanitary condition" and substitute the words "to bring the premises up to a minimum health standard as required in writing by the Local Board of Health or Medical Health Officer."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 14 C.R. #72

City of Calgary
RE: Municipal Grants

WHEREAS section 206 of the Municipal Government Act limits the provisions for which a municipality may make grants and it is expedient to extend the provision so as to allow municipal grants to be made to other than hospitals, religious and educational organizations and sufferers from calamities in Canada,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend section 206 by deleting from subsection (1) clause (e) thereof and by adding after subsection (1) the following new subsection:

RESOLUTION NO. 14 (cont'd) C.R.# 72

"(1.1) A council may pass by-laws providing for grants to such organizations where similar or dissimilar to those for which council may provide for grants in subsection (1) and to provide for activities and events which council considers are of benefit to the municipality."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 15 C.R.#74

City of Calgary
RE: Amendment to The Municipal Government Act to
Extend Council Powers to License, Regulate and Control the Taxi Business

WHEREAS it is desirable that urban municipalities should have more adequate powers to control and license taxis and taxicabs so as to ensure more effective service to the users of such taxi-cabs; and

WHEREAS it is expedient that urban municipalities should have the authority to create an independent board or commission to make decisions respecting the terms and conditions on which taxis may be operated;

WHEREAS an urban municipality ought to have specific authority to limit the number of taxis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Municipal Government Act as to section 224 thereof as follows:

(a) adding after clause (b) of subsection (1) of the said section the following new clauses:

(ba) limit the number of taxi licenses which may be issued in the municipality by reference to the population thereof or the area to be served therein or by any other means which may seem to the council to be just and equitable,

(bb) limit the number of taxis which may be operated in any area or district of the municipality,

(bc) license each taxi separately without regard to the ownership thereof,

(bd) require taxis owned or operated by or for the same person to be identified as the by-law may require or to adopt a specified paint or other means of identification on all of them."

(b) repealing subsection (4) of the said section and substituting therefor the following subsection:

(4) The council may delegate by by-law or resolution the power to

RESOLUTION NO. 15 (cont'd) C.R. #74

(a) one or more municipal officials or
(b) a taxi commission established pursuant to subsection (5)

to make any decision under this section but a person affected thereby may appeal any such decision to the council.

(c) adding after subsection (4) of the said section the following new subsection:

(5) A council may establish a group or commission to be known as a taxi commission which may be composed of any adult resident proprietary taxpayers as council may in its discretion select including if it seems desirable such members of council or officials of the municipality as council may deem desirable to exercise any power or make any decisions which the council may make pursuant to this section as the by-law shall provide.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 16 C.R. #71

City of Calgary
RE: Damages for Operation of Utilities - Municipal Government Act

WHEREAS section 297 of The Municipal Government Act does not allow a municipality to waive its liability for damages and it is expedient at times for a municipality in order to obtain easements and make other agreements with the owners of property relating to the installation of a municipal utility,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the Municipal Government Act designating section 297 thereof as subsection (1) of section 297 and by adding the following new subsections:

(2) Notwithstanding section 297 or any other provision of this Act or any other Act of the Province of Alberta if it is necessary or expedient for a municipality to acquire easements or other rights in land or to enter into any other type of agreement in order to enable or assist a municipality in the placing of any installation in connection with a public utility operated by the municipality the council of the municipality may direct or approve the assumption of liability by the municipality caused by the break of any public utility main, service pipe, line, power cable or attachment or for the breaching of any ditch or for any accident due to the operation of the public utility by the municipality;

(3) Where a municipality has assumed or purported to assume liability under the circumstances set out in subsection (2) before this provision was incorporated in The Municipal Government Act the municipality shall be deemed to have had full authority for this purpose.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 17 C.R.#5

City of Medicine Hat
RE: Petitions

WHEREAS the practice of circulating petitions door to door has shortcomings in expressing validity of opposition and the seriousness of the request for a vote on a Money By-law in accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, inasmuch as door to door campaigns may result in indiscriminate signing of petitions, in potential petitioners missing their opportunity to sign due to inadvertence or lack of organization to manage a campaign, or in the signing of ineligible persons,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Government Act be amended to require City Hall or the Municipal Office to provide properly drafted petition forms available at City Hall for petitioners with directions as to proper procedure.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 18 C.R.# 7

Town of Leduc
RE: Collecting of Funds to be Used for Expansion of Existing Services or New Services Necessitated by Development of More Land for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Purposes.

WHEREAS a number of Alberta urban municipalities are experiencing increased expansion due to need for more serviced land for residential, commercial and industrial development, and

WHEREAS the development of land for these purposes is requiring expansion of existing services; and

WHEREAS the developers of such lands are prepared to pay into the coffers of the municipality certain funds to be used towards the expansion of these services; and

WHEREAS the present legislation in the Municipal Government Act is not specific in stating the authority of a municipality to collect such monies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association petition the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Government Act or any other appropriate Provincial Statute to clarify the authority of a municipality to levy and collect funds as may be predetermined for the purpose of paying part of the cost of increasing services and facilities due to the increased demand for same by new developments.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 19 C.R.# 8

Town of St. Paul
RE: Debenture Borrowing

WHEREAS a municipal council may wish to pass a by-law to borrow funds by debenture for a given project, and may proceed to do so under either the Municipal Government Act or the Municipal Taxation Act; and

WHEREAS procedures vary considerably in both instances and at times is confusing because of the varying complexities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Municipal Affairs be requested to study same in the light of adopting procedures to follow under one act only, in order to curb procedural deficiencies and expedite approvals by the Local Authorities Board.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 20 C.R.# 9

City of Edmonton
RE: Electors and Proprietary Electors

WHEREAS The Municipal Government Act has lately been amended to allow electors to vote on money bylaws without the requirement that they be property owners; and

WHEREAS Section 311 of The Municipal Government Act calls for the assent of the proprietary electors to money bylaws under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS Section 416 of the Act allows one-quarter of the proprietary electors of a municipality to petition for a commission of enquiry.

BE IT RESOLVED that throughout The Municipal Government Act the distinction between "electors" and "proprietary electors" be eliminated so that electors have the same constitutional rights under the Act as do proprietary electors.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 21 C.R.# 78

City of Calgary
RE: Supplementary Assessment Provisions - Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS The Municipal Taxation Act was amended by chapter 70 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1972 to provide for supplementary assessment of improvements by municipalities in a taxation year but the provisions included a requirement that a court of revision should determine a complaint against a supplementary assessment within thirty days after the complaint was delivered to or received by the municipal secretary and as the complaints may be received over a period of thirty days after mailing of the assessment slips the requirement for determining the complain makes it impractical to establish the dates of a court of revision,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Municipal Taxation Act by:

deleting from subsection (7) of section 8.1 of the said Act clause (c) of the said subsection or by revising the said clause (c) so as to establish the time when the court of revision shall sit with relation to the receipt of the complaint rather than the time at which the decision must be given.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 22 C.R.#15

Town of St. Albert
RE: Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS Section 25(1) (3) of the Municipal Taxation Act provides that school buildings and lands owned and occupied by a School District or School Division solely for the purpose of a school are exempt from assessment and taxation; and

WHEREAS School Districts or School Divisions might own property intended for the purpose of schools; and

WHEREAS such property is subject to assessment and taxation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the said Act to provide exemption for school buildings and lands owned and occupied, or intended to be occupied, by a School District or School Division solely for the purpose of a school.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 23 C.R.# 18

Towns of Blairmore--Redwater--Westlock
RE: Tax Notice - Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS at the last session of the Legislature - Section 110 of the Municipal Taxation Act was amended (a) as to subsection (1) by adding the following clause after clause (c):

(c1) the amount of taxes payable with respect to each rate of taxation specified under clause (e), and

WHEREAS the implementation of this clause will put a tremendous additional work load on the office staffs of Villages and Towns who do not have the use of a business machine in processing the Tax Notices; and

Whereas substantially the same information for the Tax Payer is available in the require-

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ment of Clause (c),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Provincial Government to repeal Clause (c1) Subsection (1) Section 110 of the Municipal Taxation Act.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 24 C.R.# 17

Town of St. Paul
RE: Collection of Business Tax

WHEREAS collection of business tax arrears by distress under section 121 of the Municipal Taxation Act is not the most desirable means of collecting business taxes; and

WHEREAS in urban municipalities many business tax arrears have to be written off because of failure to pay, as in such cases where operators of businesses move away,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to consider providing an additional section in the Act to the effect that upon failure to pay business tax arrears and after having received the related information from the municipality, the businessman's provincial license be revoked.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 25 C.R.#82

City of Red Deer
RE: Interest rate on Unpaid Property Taxes

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Alberta has legislated that when a Municipality is in default of payment of a requisition or payment into the School Foundation Program Fund and to the Local School Boards the amount unpaid shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent;

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Alberta demands payment of one-third of the education requisition by the first of May, August, and November while Local School Board requisitions require payments on the 15th day of March, June, September and December without regard for property taxes that remain unpaid in the current year in addition to the prior year arrears;

WHEREAS the municipality must finance other Authorities demands prior to collection of current property taxes in addition to the prior years arrears,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta amend Section 115 - The Municipal Taxation Act to permit Municipalities to levy a maximum of ten percent penalty on property tax arrears.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 26 C.R. #22

Town of Wainwright
RE: Payment of Supplementary School Requisitions

WHEREAS Section 144 of the Municipal Taxation Act requires a municipality to pay the first quarter of the supplementary school requisition on March 15th; and

WHEREAS Section 129 of the School Act requires the first payment of the School Foundation Program to be made on or before May 1st; and

WHEREAS municipalities in general are unable to process their tax notices until June or July due to circumstances beyond their control; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not generally receive their grant under the Municipal Assistance Act until July,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta implement the required changes in the appropriate acts to avoid the necessity of a municipality being forced into borrowing monies, and the cost of high interest rates to meet the requirements of the aforementioned acts.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 27 C.R.# 77

City of Calgary
RE: Redevelopment Assessments - Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Part 4 of The Municipal Taxation Act aforesaid to provide for assessment for redevelopment of utilities in established subdivisions where the initial utilities have already been constructed and to make the assessment relate to the requirements of the new developments rather than to be limited to making them relate to the foot frontage of the lots on which the new developments are constructed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 149 be revised or amended so as to allow the cost of the additional sewer to be assessed on the basis of the size of the development to be served instead of or in combination with the frontage foot size of the lot on which the development is made and to add an additional section to make a similar provision relating to the supply of water to the new development.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 28 C.R.# 80

City of Calgary
RE: Lane Assessments - Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Part 4 of The Municipal Taxation Act aforesaid so as to allow an improvement of a lane to be charged to the commercial properties only abutting

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it where the use made by the commercial properties has made the lane improvement necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 150 be amended or replaced by an additional section after section 150 to allow the cost of an improvement of a lane required by reason of the commercial properties abutting the lane to be assessed against the commercial properties only notwithstanding the existence of owner occupied residential properties abutting the same portion of the lane.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 29 C.R.# 21

Town of St. Paul
RE: Assessment Notices

WHEREAS it is recognized that very few ratepayers pay attention to their assessment slip, under the present format; and

WHEREAS ratepayers do strongly protest the assessment after having received their tax notices,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Municipal Affairs be requested to draft a new assessment slip, calling it an ASSESSMENT NOTICE (in layman's language) which would provide more information on same in relation to how the assessment bears to the actual tax and possibly to consider a different assessment notice for annual and general assessments.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 30 C.R.# 79

The A.U.M.A. Executive
RE: Supplementary Assessment - Municipal Taxation Act

WHEREAS the Council of a municipality may enact a by-law authorizing a supplementary assessment of improvements during a taxation year; and

WHEREAS generally an unoccupied improvement is not complete because of buyers' options; and

WHEREAS all improvements including secondary improvements are subject to supplementary assessment; and

WHEREAS the imposition of penalties might be severe,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to review the Municipal Taxation Act as it applies to Supplementary Assessment.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 31 C.R.# 29

Town of Drayton Valley
RE: Collection of Mobile Home License Fees

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Convention request the Provincial Government of Alberta to enact remedial legislation to provide adequate and efficient means to enforce the collection of Mobile Home licensing fees in the Province of Alberta.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 32 C.R.# 38

Town of St. Albert
RE: Planning Act

WHEREAS Section 25 (2) of the Planning Act provides that reserves in each subdivision shall contain such area of land, being not more than 10 percent of the land being subdivided; and

WHEREAS this is deemed to be inadequate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the said Act to provide that reserves in each subdivision shall contain such area of land, being not less than 15 percent of the land being subdivided.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 33 C.R.# 96

City of Calgary
RE: Requesting Amendment to The Planning Act to Allow a Municipality to acquire more than 10% Community reserve Lands in a Subdivision.

WHEREAS subsection (2) of section 25 of The Planning Act provides that the owner of land comprising a proposed subdivision must provide for Community Reserves not more than 10% of the land being subdivided; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid provision of 10% of the land being subdivided was determined at a time when development was based on almost entirely single family homes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Planning Act by deleting subsection (2) of section 25 and substituting therefor the following subsection:

(2) In each subdivision the reserves shall contain such area of land, being a minimum of 15 percent of the land being subdivided and increasing as density increases as is prescribed by The Subdivision and Transfer Regulations.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 34

C.R.# 35

City of Medicine Hat
RE: Police Act - Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS Section 16 of the Interpretation Act, Chapter 189 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta states that every public officer appointed under authority of an enactment or otherwise, holds office during pleasure only, unless it is otherwise expressed in the enactment or in his commission or appointment; and

WHEREAS the Police Act does not specify the term of office of members of Boards of Police Commissioners; and

WHEREAS only unusual circumstances would require the removal or suspension of a member of a Board of Police Commissioners, effectively making membership on the Board a lifetime term,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the Police Act limiting a member of a Board of Police Commissioners to two three-year terms,

AND FURTHER that to maintain continuity, appointments or re-appointments be made on a staggered basis; that is, some members to be appointed or re-appointed at one two-year interval, and the remainder to be appointed or re-appointed two years later.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 35

C.R.# 36

City of Edmonton
RE: The Police Act - Board of Police Commissioners

WHEREAS The Police Act, 1971 that came into force on July 1st, 1971 provides that a municipality of over 5,000 persons shall provide for a Board of Police Commissioners and the members of that Board shall be either two persons designated by the Attorney General and one Council member or three persons designated by the Attorney General and two Council members; and

WHEREAS a municipality should be able to appoint all the members of a Board of Police Commissioners subject only to the Attorney General having the right to approve and ratify before their nomination any suggested Board members who are not members of the municipal council,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to amend The Police Act, 1971 to provide that all members of the Board shall be appointed by the municipal council and that only the nominated members who have not been elected to Council shall first be approved by the Attorney General as appropriate members of the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 36

C.R.# 90

City of Calgary
RE: Amendment to The Police Act, 1971 Respecting Control of Police Officers and Appointment of Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend The Police Act, 1971 so that where a municipality is required by subsection (1) of section 12 thereof to provide for a board of police commissioners, the appointment and control of the members of the police force shall be effectively vested in such board and in the Alberta Police Commission,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Police Act, 1971 by:

(a) designating section 7 of the said Act as subsection (1) of section 7 and adding the following subsection to the said section:

(2) Clauses 4, 5 7 and 8 are not applicable to a police force or the members thereof of a municipality that is required by subsection (1) of section 12 to provide for a board of police commissioners.

(b) adding at the end of section 8 the following new subsection:

(10) The provisions of this section do not apply to a police force or the members thereof or to a by-law enforcement officer of a municipality that is required by subsection (1) of section 12 to provide for a board of police commissioners.

(c) adding at the end of section 11 the following new subsection:

(4) The provisions of this section do not apply to a municipality that is required by subsection (1) of section 12 to provide for a board of police commissioners.

(d) by adding the word "or" at the end of clause (b) of subsection (3) of section 12 and by adding after clause (b) the following new clause:

(c) three electors of the municipality other than members of council and two members of the municipal council, all designated by the municipal council.

(e) adding after the words "police force" in section 19 the words "and every municipal by-law enforcement officer".

(f) designating section 37 as subsection (1) of section 37 and adding the following subsection to the said section:

(2) Where a municipality is required by subsection (1) of section 12 to appoint a by-law to provide for a board of police commissioners the approval of the said board may be substituted for the approval of the Attorney General required by subsection (1).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 37

C.R.# 51

City of Edmonton
RE: Public Contributions Act

WHEREAS The Public Contributions Act, Chapter 292, R.S.A. 1970, allows a City by bylaw to designate a person or a body as the approving authority for public contributions; and

WHEREAS such approving authority has the power to decide what organizations may be authorized to conduct campaigns to obtain funds for charitable purposes within the municipality; and

WHEREAS by Section 6 of the Act the Minister of the Crown designated by the Executive Council may over-rule the decision of an approving authority thereby permitting an organization to canvass in a municipality without approval of the City-appointed authority and this power appears to unnecessarily infringe upon municipal autonomy,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Public Contributions Act to eliminate from Section 6 the existing authority granted to a Minister of the Crown to authorize a charitable appeal within a city by an organization whose application has been rejected by the Council-appointed Committee charged with responsibility for authorizing charitable appeals within the city, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that appeals against decisions of this Committee shall rest with the City.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 38

C.R.# 76

City of Calgary
RE: Amendment to The Recreation Development Act to Clarify the Provisions Relating to the Levying of a Special Tax Thereunder.

WHEREAS section 8, subsection (2) of The Recreation Development Act provides for the levying of a special tax within a recreation area established by by-law or appears in a joint program but does not specify the manner in which the tax is to be imposed and collected or incorporated by reference or otherwise any provisions of The Municipal Taxation Act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend The Recreation Development Act so as

(a) to make clear whether or not the special tax may be levied for current or operating and maintenance cost of a recreation facility as well as the capital cost thereof,

(b) to provide all necessary details for levying and collecting the tax either by incorporating provisions of The Municipal Taxation Act or establishing new provisions or using part of the provisions of The Municipal Taxation Act and excluding the others,

(c) to allow the financing of a recreation facility to be partly by taxation and partly by other means.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 39

C.R.# 89

The A. U. M. A. Executive
RE: Snow Vehicle Fines

WHEREAS the Council of a municipality may, by bylaw, authorize persons to operate snow vehicles on highways under its direction, control and management; and

WHEREAS Section 14(4) of the Snow Vehicles Act provides for a fine on summary conviction; and

WHEREAS infractions of the by-law are not punishable under the by-law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to amend the Snow Vehicles Act to provide for penalties under the by-law.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 40

C.R.# 48

Town of Vegreville
RE: Fines under the Snow Vehicles Act

WHEREAS provision has been made in the Snow Vehicles Act, being Chapter 344 R.S.A. 1970, for the imposition of fines or penalties for contraventions of sections of the Act or of Municipal by-laws; and

WHEREAS no provision has been made for the payment to a Municipality of fines or penalties collected for offences occurring within that Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association requests that the following section be placed in the Snow Vehicles Act:

"Any fine or penalty imposed under this Act
(a) on a conviction for an offence occurring in a city, town or village or summer village enures to the benefit of the city, town or village, and
(b) on a conviction for an offence occurring in a county or municipal district, elsewhere than on a primary highway, enures to the benefit of the county or municipal district,
but in all other cases the fines and penalties belong to the Province.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 41

C.R.# 12

City of Red Deer
RE: Weed Control

WHEREAS weed control in Alberta leaves much to be desired, and the rapidly increasing spreading of Sow Thistle in particular is infesting lake beach sands to the point of eliminating some of them, has spread badly to road allowances, and is becoming difficult to control in all

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rural and urban areas,

RESOLVED THAT the Province of Alberta be urged to strengthen the noxious weed control program considerably, this to include measures to eliminate as much as possible infestations of the present besides initiating more effective control measures in the future.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 42 C.R.# 13

City of Edmonton
RE: The Weed Control Act

WHEREAS the operation of an effective weed control program in urban centres is an expensive and time-consuming function; and

WHEREAS a large proportion of the time and expense is involved in administrative procedures rather than in conducting inspections; and

WHEREAS the statutes of the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba provide for a general first notice by means of publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to amend The Weed Control Act by adding the following section:

> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Council of any municipality, after publication of a general notice in two issues of a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, or by one letter addressed to every owner or occupant on record, before June 30 of each year, may direct the inspector to cause the destruction in such a manner as the inspector may deem proper, of noxious weeds on any subdivided portion of the municipality. In all cases said published or written notice shall be deemed legal and sufficient notice."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 43 C.R.# 67

City of Red Deer
RE: Workman's Compensation Act

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Red Deer do hereby recommend that the Workman's Compensation Act be amended to permit registration and provide coverage for both incorporated and unincorporated housing authorities who do not employ persons in a master and servant relationship.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 44

C.R.# 55

City of Edmonton
RE: Abandoned Vehicles

WHEREAS many municipalities in Alberta are put to trouble and expense when an unknown person abandons an older model of motor vehicle, usually a passenger car, on the road allowance or on public or private property within the municipality; and

WHEREAS there is need of a fund from which the cost of disposing of such vehicles can be recovered; and

WHEREAS it appears logical to establish this fund by making an additional Provincial levy upon the owners of older passenger vehicles,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to establish a fund through which the Motor Vehicle Branch of the Department of Highways and Transport will pay to municipalities the cost of moving and disposing of abandoned vehicles, with the fund to come from a levy collected by the Department as an additional license fee at the annual rate of $1.00 per vehicle for all vehicles for which ordinary plates are purchased.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 45

C.R.# 95

A. U. M. A. Executive
RE: Accreditation of Municipal Assessors

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to have property assessed by an official possessing the highest level of specialized skill and training,

WHEREAS established conditions as to education, experience and other qualifications are set by the Alberta Assessors' Association in order to confer the designation "Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta".

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta introduce legislation making it mandatory that municipalities employ an "Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta" as the official Assessor of that Municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 46

C.R.# 47

City of Lethbridge
RE: Municipal Financing Corporation

WHEREAS the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation established a $50.00 per capita borrowing capacity in 1967 for Alberta municipalities, and

WHEREAS since 1967 costs of construction have escalated considerably and from

RESOLUTION NO. 46 (cont'd)

C.R.# 47

January 1, 1967 to January 31, 1972 the cost of living index has increased from 115.4 to 138.5, an increase of approximately 20%; and

WHEREAS developing municipalities in the Province of Alberta are experiencing problems in financing annual capital projects within the borrowing limits established by A.M.F.C.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association recommends through the Government of Alberta to the Board of Directors of A.M.F.C. that, effective January 1, 1973, the borrowing limits of $50.00 per capita be increased to $65.00 per capita.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 47

C.R.# 45

Town of Didsbury
RE: Ambulance Service

WHEREAS under the existing Alberta Health Plan no coverage is available to participants of the Plan to avail themselves of the opportunity of receiving Ambulance Coverage under the Plan; and

WHEREAS experience has shown that a large percentage of all accounts billed to the Ambulance users have proven to be uncollectible; and

WHEREAS the majority, if not all, private Ambulance operators show increasing annual deficits in their financial reports; and

WHEREAS the deficits are passed on to the Municipalities by the Ambulance operators in the form of requests for Grants; and

WHEREAS such requests for Grants are adding to the ever increasing costs of Municipal Operations and must be passed on to over burdened taxpayers; and

WHEREAS in some cases such Grants cover charges made by the Ambulance Operators for users outside the boundaries of the Municipalities making the Grant thereby indicating evidence of inequalities in the Grant base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Didsbury petition the Government of the Province of Alberta through the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to provide coverage for Ambulance Service as a mandatory part of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 48

C.R.# 46

City of Lethbridge
RE: Ambulance Service

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT further research and investigation into the establishment of the necessary regional ambulance service be continued and further explored by the Alberta Hospital Association, and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and Council, City of Lethbridge, for presentation to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 49

C.R.# 69

Town of Claresholm
RE: Annexation of Industrial Airports

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association make representation to the Government of Alberta to implement legislation which allow Towns or Municipalities to annex Industrial Airports which are owned and/or operated by the Town or Municipality.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 50

C.R.# 52

City of Red Deer
RE: Study of Area Community Needs

WHEREAS communities require accommodation for education, recreation programmes, community association meetings, social services, branch libraries, etc.; and

WHEREAS it is obviously more economical that buildings owned by the community should be used as multi-purpose buildings; and

WHEREAS at present Provincial financing, whether as grants or low-interest loans, do not facilitate or encourage such multi-purpose uses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the A.U.M.A. request the Government of Alberta to encourage coordinated multi-purpose use of such buildings, and to encourage interdepartmental coordination of financial assistance to facilitate such programmes and buildings.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 51

C.R.# 93

A.U.M.A. Executive
RE: Proposed Change of Title for Municipal Secretary

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act directs that a council shall appoint a municipal secretary and a treasurer; and

WHEREAS the former Town and Village Act directed that a council shall appoint a secretary-treasurer; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act repealed the Town and Village Act, thereby discontinuing designation of secretary-treasurer; and

WHEREAS uniformity across the Province is not being maintained due to reluctance because of appointing by-law; and

WHEREAS the office of secretary is now becoming one of great complexity and magnitude whereby a secretary appointment entails many diversified duties; and

WHEREAS the duties may be classified as those of an administrator,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Secretary-Treasurers' Association of Alberta, through the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, request the Government of the Province of Alberta to implement amending legislation for the purpose of designating the Chief Administrative Office of a Town or Village as the Municipal Administrator.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 52

C.R.# 27

City of Medicine Hat
RE: Litter Control

WHEREAS it is a recognized principle that, whoever causes pollution either by effluents or litter should remedy the situation, or assume the cost of such remedy; and

WHEREAS the banning of non-returnable bottles causes unemployment in glass manufacturing centres, increases the cost of living, and allows the person who litters the country with empty bottles to do so without penalty; and

WHEREAS there exists a necessity for creating useful forms of employment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association recommend to the Government of the Province of Alberta that a vigorous anti-litter campaign be implemented and that legislation be passed to increase the penalties against those who cause littering of any nature through glass bottles, paper cartons, or any material, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that as an anti-pollution and anti-litter measure, and also to create useful employment, the aforementioned Government create a Corps of Environmental Workers whose function shall be to deal with the elimination of litter.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 53 C.R.# 44

City of Edmonton
RE: Dental Care

WHEREAS the cost of repair and reconstructive children's dental care is beyond the ability of many families to provide; and

WHEREAS such care accumulatively is beyond the ability of local Government to provide; and

WHEREAS the Alberta Health Unit Association is in support of this request,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association approve the principle of provision of dental care to children Provincially through a scheme similar to that presently operating in the medical care field; and

THAT the Government of Alberta, through the Department of Health and Social Development, be requested to implement such a program as soon as possible.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 54 C.R.# 63

City of Medicine Hat
RE: Educational Programs

WHEREAS municipalities have been assuming administrative and partial financial responsibilities for such programs as: Head Start, Day Care of an educational nature; and

WHEREAS the Report of the Worth Commission on Educational Planning recommends that such programs are best administered through the Department of Education,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be urged to implement the recommendation of the said report in respect to transferring educational programs from other Governmental Departments to the Department of Education.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 55 C.R.# 50

City of Edmonton
RE: Financial Responsibility of Municipalities

WHEREAS present legislation makes provision for numerous semi-autonomous city governmental bodies to administrate certain operations and facilities (i.e. Hospitals, Library, Police); and

WHEREAS the present system does not recognize the principle that taxpayers are entitled to direct representation for taxes paid,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend such acts so as to ensure that administrative control of these operations and facilities rest with the city thereby allowing for direct representation by the taxpayer through Municipal Councils.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 56

C.R.# 68

Town of Stony Plain
RE: Health Unit Requisitions

WHEREAS under present regulations the requisitions to all Municipalities for Education, Municipal Hospital, Senior Citizens Homes Auxiliary Hospitals purposes are based on an Equalized Assessment Formula; and

WHEREAS this is an equitable system as, it spreads the costs of such services over a broad range of assessment; and

WHEREAS under the Public Health Act, requisitions for Health Unit costs are made to each contributing Municipality on a per capita basis; and

WHEREAS the per capita system of apportioning costs does not reflect the ability of a Municipality to pay such costs as does the Equalized Assessment basis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be asked to change the basis of Health Unit requisitions to contributing Municipalities from a per capita formula to an equalized assessment system.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 57

C.R.# 70

A.U.M.A. Executive
RE: Hospitalization

WHEREAS the basic responsibility for a comprehensive health care program rests with the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the present financial grants to active treatment hospitals are not equal and uniform with the result that certain municipally-owned hospitals have been forced to obtain very substantial dollar amounts from the municipal councils in order to meet hospital expenditures; and

WHEREAS in some cases the supplementary hospital requisition on municipalities has exceeded the 4 mill levy that was supposedly removed from municipalities in 1970 and such a levy results in denying the municipality any cost sharing from the Canada Assistance Plan; and

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WHEREAS under the present grant system individual home owners pay more than a fair share of hospital costs in some municipalities and those municipalities get less than a fair share of the Federal Government tax dollars made available to provinces for health cost purposes through the Canada Assistance Plan,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government revise The Health Act and the Alberta Hospital Services Commission policies and regulations to ensure:

1. That every municipality regardless of its size or the type of its active treatment hospital facilities shall receive a fair and equal share of the costs of hospital services with such costs to be wholly met from the general Provincial revenues including the federal funds granted for hospital needs.

2. That there be no right of requisition upon municipal taxpayers for hospital costs unless the elected municipal council agrees to such expediture.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 58 C.R.# 14

City of Medicine Hat
RE: Insect Control Program

WHEREAS urban municipalities are constantly pressured and petitioned to control insects, especially mosquitos; and

WHEREAS locally-applied insect control programs are usually ineffective unless surrounding areas have similar programs; and

WHEREAS experimentation in insect control measures is beyond the technical and financial capabilities of most individual municipalities; and

WHEREAS various Provincial Governmental Departments are involved in or concerned with effective and safe insect control,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to implement a uniform and province-wide insect control program, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the sharing of administrative and financial responsibilities be determined by consultation and negotiation between the Province and the Urban and Rural Municipalities Associations.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 59 C.R.# 41

Canadian Federation of Mayors & Municipalities
Sponsored by the Town of Port Credit
RE: Amendment of Minimum Wage Scale

WHEREAS the minimum wage scale does not always meet the minimum paid under the existing welfare schemes; and

WHEREAS this does not produce an incentive for an individual to take employment on a minimum wage,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities petition the Department of Family and Social Services of the Federal and Provincial Governments to amend the regulations to permit a local authority to pay the difference between what is earned, and what would be paid under Welfare.

NOTE: The above resolution was referred to all Provincial Municipal Associations by the C. F. M. M.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 60 C.R.# 60

Town of Okotoks
RE: Accreditation of Municipal Secretaries

WHEREAS it is considered that there is a need to have standards set for the accreditation of municipal secretaries; and

WHEREAS there now is no standard set for such accreditation; and

WHEREAS other neighboring Provinces have adopted standards for accreditation of municipal secretaries; and

WHEREAS there is a shortage of qualified personnel to fill vacancies as they occur,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province, in conjunction with the Municipal Associations and the Secretaries Associations, be requested to implement a permanent program leading to a standard accreditation of municipal secretaries.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 61 C.R.# 97

City of Edmonton
RE: Natural Gas Supplies for Generating Electricity in Alberta

WHEREAS the Energy Resources Conservation Board appointed by the Government of the Province of Alberta reviews every three years the needs of Albertans for fossil fuels such as natural gas, oil and coal so that it can recommend to the Government the amount of these fuels that is surplus to Alberta's present and future needs; and

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C.R.# 97

WHEREAS those who wish to export natural gas from Alberta are urging that low grade coal be used instead of natural gas as the fuel to generate electricity in the power plants that serve Albertans,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipalities of Alberta request the Provincial Government that no further natural gas be placed under contract for sale outside the Province until satisfactory evidence is available that sufficient gas is kept for the thermal energy and the other industrial and domestic uses of Albertans.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 62

C.R.# 83

City of Red Deer
RE: Noise Control

WHEREAS the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary have implemented Noise Control By-laws which contain different standards as far as noise levels are concerned; and

WHEREAS many other municipalities are considering implementation of Noise Control By-laws; and

WHEREAS noise control and abatement is an item of concern to all residents of Alberta,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be petitioned through the A.U.M.A., to implement uniform legislation throughout the Province relative to noise control and abatement.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 63

C.R.# 34

Town of Blairmore
RE: Police Costs

WHEREAS the cost of R.C.M. Policing is increasing annually; and

WHEREAS the revenue derived from fines, etc. has not increased at the same rate as police costs creating an additional financial burden; and

WHEREAS police costs in Towns under 1,500 population is borne by the Province; and

WHEREAS subsidies to new RCMP contracts are terminated after 5 years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Government of the Province to assist Towns with permanent annual subsidies based on a sliding scale: for example, 40% to Towns between 1,500 to 3,000 and 20% to all Towns over 3,000 population.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 64 C.R.# 23

Towns of Didsbury, Claresholm, Villages of Bowden & Crossfield
RE: Nuisance Grounds - Garbage Burning

WHEREAS under existing Provincial Board of Health Regulations the burning of inflammable refuse at a Nuisance Grounds site is not permitted; and

WHEREAS because of the extreme costs involved in disposing of inflammable refuse and the increased burden these costs place on the taxpayer residing in a small urban municipality; and

WHEREAS the scattering of inflammable refuse such as paper, etc. by wind can be a greater hazard and source of pollution than that caused by smoke from the burning of inflammable refuse in a small urban municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association petition the Government of the Province of Alberta to allow urban municipalities having a population of 5,000 or less to burn inflammable refuse at their Nuisance Grounds site.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 65 C.R.# 62

Town of Claresholm
RE: Provincial Parks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to designate more Provincial Parks in municipalities throughout the Province.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 66 C.R.# 39

City of Edmonton
RE: Municipal Equity in Public Housing

WHEREAS the Alberta Housing Corporation as an agent of the Crown in right of Alberta has established policy changes with respect to the provision of public housing in Alberta; and

WHEREAS such changes provide that the ownership of public housing as developed under Section 43 of the National Housing Act be vested in the Corporation with municipalities contributing 10 percent of operating subsidies; and

WHEREAS municipalities were previously permitted to finance, own and operate public housing projects through the assistance of central morgage and Housing Corporation and Alberta Housing Corporation grants covering 90 percent of annual operating losses; and

WHEREAS it is questionable whether the legislature intended that the Alberta Housing Corporation should have the discretionary power to restrict municipalities from undertaking the

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financing, development, and ownership of public housing; and

WHEREAS it would appear that the major intention of the legislation was to provide the Alberta Housing Corporation the authority to undertake public housing projects in situations where municipalities are unable to react to the housing needs in their community; and

WHEREAS the provision of public housing is a program which can be directed, developed and operated at a local government level at least in the case of larger municipalities with adequate staff for the purpose; and

WHEREAS the change in policy places unfair financial hardship upon some municipalities,

BE IT RESOLVED -

1. That the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to reverse the Alberta Housing Corporation policy changes in order to permit a continued program of municipal ownership of public housing under previous terms of reference.

2. That the Government of the Province of Alberta be requested to amend the legislation governing the Alberta Housing Corporation to restrict the excessive authority now held by the Corporation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 67 C.R.# 98

City of Edmonton
RE: Public Service Pension Board

WHEREAS the Public Service Pension Board of the Province of Alberta presently exercises oversight of the Local Authorities Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS there are no representatives of either the local authorities or their employees who participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan on the Public Service Pension Board; and

WHEREAS there are two vacancies on the Public Service Pension Board; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the participating local authorities and their employees be represented on the Public Service Pension Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to invite the participating local authorities in the Local Authorities Pension Plan and their employees to submit nominations for appointment to the Public Service Pension Board and to select from among the nominations received one representative of the local authorities and one representative of the employees for appointment, as soon as possible, to the Public Service Pension Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to consider the establishment of a Local Authorities Pension Board to exercise oversight of the Local Authorities Pension Plan.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 68

C.R.# 92

City of Lethbridge
RE: Public Transit Costs

WHEREAS the automobile has become a major problem in urban centres in Alberta, not only because of its air and noise pollution propensities, but also because of the rapidly growing expenditure required to meet the increasing traffic problems, be it for freeways, off-street parking, or traffic control, with resulting loss of valuable tax-bearing properties and parklands needed to solve the problem; and

WHEREAS a positive approach to these problems is to encourage a greater use of public transit service in urban centres; and

WHEREAS traditionally such public transit services operate at a loss and it is necessary to augment such public transit cost from the general revenue of the urban centres; and

WHEREAS urban centres are faced with a continual problem of meeting existing governmental cost from a property taxation base,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association go on record as recommending to the Government of the Province of Alberta that it pass legislation granting to the urban municipalities of this Province the authority to place an additional tax on gasoline sold in retail outlets within the corporate limits of such urban municipalities; to be collected by the Government of Alberta and reimbursed to the urban municipality specifically for the purpose of subsidization and upgrading of that urban municipality's public transit.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 69

C.R.# 58

City of Medicine Hat
RE: School Buses and Public Carriers

WHEREAS a recent episode almost resulted in the asphyxiation of a group of college students as a result of carbon monoxide fumes being discharged into the bus in which they were travelling, the cause of the discharge being a fault in the exhaust system of the said bus; and

WHEREAS there are apparently no rules or regulations which may work to prevent a recurrence of such an event,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Government of the Province of Alberta to legislate controls over public carriers requiring measures to ensure:

1. proper exhaust maintenance routine
2. frequent testing with carbon monoxide detectors
3. installation of carbon monoxide indicators in public carriers

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 70 C.R. #54

City of Red Deer
RE: Second Hand Dealers

BE IT RESOLVED that Red Deer City Council request the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to petition the Provincial Government to consider enactment of legislation regards Second Hand Dealers in the Province.

Explanatory Note: The matter of Second Hand Dealers was brought before Council by the Red Deer Police Commission, who requested that a by-law be implemented in the City which would control operation of Second Hand Dealers and require them to record certain information relative to goods they purchase for resale. Apparently a similar Bylaw is in effect in the City of Edmonton.

Members of the Police Commission and Council are of the opinion that some control must be maintained in this respect in order to cut down on trafficking in stolen merchandise. They also understand that the Province of Ontario have a Provincial Act which controls all Second Hand Dealers operating within the Province, and our Council felt that a similar Act should be considered for the Province of Alberta in an effort to establish uniform legislation across Canada.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 71 C.R. 42

Town of Blairmore
RE: Administration of Social Assistance

WHEREAS Towns and Villages are responsible for 20% of the costs of Social Assistance for residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS most Town Officials are not informed sufficiently on Social Assistance to deal intelligently with Social Assistance Applications; and

WHEREAS most larger areas have Social Development Offices manned by qualified personnel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Provincial Government be requested to assume complete administration and costs of Social Assistance in the Province.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 72 C.R. # 64

Village of Bowden
RE: Grant for Street and Sidewalk Improvement

WHEREAS Provincial grants are made for road and street improvement in cities and rural municipalities; and

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WHEREAS in 1967 the Provincial Government acknowledged the need of a similar grant to Towns and Villages and established a Streets Assistance Program with "one grant in five years" stipulation and based on a per capita formula; and

WHEREAS the "Street Assistance Program" Grants were discontinued when the first 5 years were completed; and

WHEREAS there remains an urgent need in the smaller municipalities for assistance for street and sidewalk improvement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Provincial Government to reinstate the "Street Assistance Program" or to establish a similar program for financial assistance to Towns and Villages.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 73

C.R.# 49

City of Edmonton
RE: Subdivision and Transfer Regulations

WHEREAS Section 37 of the Subdivision and Transfer Regulations presently requires that no habitable building be located within 50 feet of a pipeline or centre line of a pipeline right-of-way and that a parcel to be created that is adjacent to or abutting a pipeline right-of-way shall not be less than 150 feet in depth; and

WHEREAS the provision has the effect of sterilizing the use of land without compensation to the owner and without a separation being required by virtue of any hazardous condition being created; and

WHEREAS the Department of Mines and Minerals have publicly stated this is not a requirement from the standpoint of safety as pipelines can be safely accommodated within the available right-of-way,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government of Alberta be requested to amend the Regulations by deleting the aforementioned requirements.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 74

C.R.# 53

City of Red Deer
RE: Tax Free Gas on Municipal Vehicles

WHEREAS the motor vehicles owned by a municipality operate mostly on roads built and maintained by the said municipality; and

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C.R.# 53

WHEREAS these vehicles rarely use the Provincial Highways,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipalities be allowed to use tax free gas for their own vehicles.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 75

C.R.# 57

City of Lloydminster
RE: Telephone Calls to Provincial Government Offices

WHEREAS residents of the capital City of Edmonton have the convenience of toll-free communications to all Provincial Government Services; and

WHEREAS residents of the City of Calgary have the same privilege for toll-free communication to Provincial Government services located in their City; and

WHEREAS citizens of communities outside the two large Cities of Calgary and Edmonton, presently have to pay long distance charges in order to acquire most government information services and to contact some government departments; and

WHEREAS government services and regulations are on the increase; and

WHEREAS communication about Alberta services and regulations should be available to all Alberta citizens on an equal basis,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that toll-free communications be provided to all residents of the Province by means of the medium of "Zenith" telephone numbers, to enable all residents to acquire information of the many government services and regulations on the same basis as they are now available to the residents of Edmonton and Calgary.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 76

C.R.# 100

Town of St. Albert
RE: Unemployment Insurance Benefits

WHEREAS the Canada Pension Plan provides for pensions and certain other benefits; and

WHEREAS Unemployment Insurance provides for temporary financial assistance; and

WHEREAS many Canadians do not avail themselves of Unemployment Insurance benefits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to approach the Government of Canada to integrate these social policies in such a fashion as to allow an accrual of Unemployment Insurance benefits not claimed to the Canada Pension Plan.

CARRIED

Refer to C.F.M.M. also

RESOLUTION NO. 77

C.R.# 99

City of Red Deer
RE: Utility Rates

WHEREAS the rates charged by private utility companies for the supply of public utilities, and in particular, electric power and natural gas, are of significant importance to municipalities and their citizens; and

WHEREAS such rates are regulated and controlled by the Public Utilities Board, partly by the holding of rate hearings; and

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has neither the funds nor the personnel to properly assess and test the submissions of the private utilities in respect of their rates, and must depend for assistance upon expert evidence produced by, and the representations of the consumers, principally represented by the municipalities; and

WHEREAS the costs of rate hearings and in particular, the costs of consumer experts and counsel, which are very substantial, are by the order of the Public Utilities Board, normally and eventually paid by the private utilities and recovered by them through the rates charged to all consumers; and

WHEREAS the financing of consumer costs places a heavy and undue burden on the municipalities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be asked to give urgent and immediate consideration to assisting municipalities in financing such costs, or, alternatively, providing to the Public Utilities Board sufficient money and personnel so as to result in such consumer representations and costs being no longer necessary.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 78

C.R.# 101

City of Calgary
RE: Youth Hostels Operated by the Canadian Youth Hostel Association

WHEREAS the Canadian Youth Hostels Association has a long history of hosteling and outdoor recreation on our Province, being first organized in Canada by Albertans in 1933 in Alberta; and

WHEREAS the CYHA has since affiliated with the 46 nation International Youth Hostel Federation, which sets high standards for its operators; and

WHEREAS the CYHA is a membership supported youth organization functioning for the purpose of operating low-cost, supervised, simple, over-night accommodation for its members and guests who are travelling not as itinerants, but for purposes of education, vacations, and as they say "to gain a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside and appreciation of the cultural values of towns and cities"; and

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WHEREAS the CYHA makes no distinction in its membership or its clientele between race, nationality, colour, religion, class or political opinion, and

WHEREAS the CYHA makes no demands on the municipalities or the public for financial assistance in operating its quality hostels; and

WHEREAS senior governments have been annually financially supporting ad hoc organizations in the seasonal operation of street-type hostels for transient youth with scant attention to consultation and advice from each respective municipal government as to the needs of its community; and

WHEREAS the CYHA is intending to establish quality hostels in our cities, towns and rural recreational areas while co-operating in each situation with the respective municipal government; and

WHEREAS we believe that a quality hostel operated by the CYHA is a desirable asset in a municipality serving to meet an important community need,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta and the Federal Government be requested to give consideration for a program of financial assistance for the capital costs needed for establishing quality operated hostels of accepted national and international standards within our cities, towns and outdoor recreational areas.

CARRIED

Refer C.F.M.M.